THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Government.

(b) The retention price is calculated on the basis of 12 per cent post-tax return on net worth at 80 per cent capacity utilisation in the 1st year, 90 per cent from 2nd year to 10th year and at 85 per cent from 11th year onwards, for gas based plants. The capital cost reckoned for calculation of retention price is computed by considering cost data given in the Project Report and actual cost incurred, disallowing cost escalation due to time overrun and costs of facilities which are in excess of the requirement of the project.

(c) No Sir.

(d) No specific proposal for changing the procedure for calculation of retention price is under consideration of the Government. However, various steps for containing fertilizer subsidy are constantly engaging the attention of the Government.

**Introduction of new slip system to locate the position of coach/Berth**

1276. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern Railway has introduced a new slip system at important en-route railway stations which helps in locating the coach/berth number and position of the coach from the engine;

(b) if so, the details of the new slip system introduced by Northern Railway;

(c) whether the new slip system has been found sucessful and if so, to what extent it has helped the general commuter;

(d) whether such slip system would be introduced in other zones of the Railways; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) and (b) A system of issuing slips to passengers, provided with confirmed reservation at roadside stations, indicating the Name of Passenger, Train No., Date of Journey, Class, Coach No., Berth/Seat No., Position of the coach from the engine, has been introduced by Northern Railway.

(c) to (e) The system was introduced recently and is still in experimental stage. There is no proposal to extend the same on other railways for the present.

**Animal development programme**

1277. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in animal development programmes specially in milk and mutton;

(b) the quantity of milk required in the country as per standard health maintenance point of view; and

(c) what are the future plan in this regard and in what manner the target fixed would be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) The Government have been taking steps to augment milk production through intensification of controlled breeding programmes, promotion of animal husbandry activities by proper feeding, management and animal health cover and augmentation of Operation Flood Programme. Due to efforts made in this direction, the milk production in the country has increased from 22.5 million tonnes in 1971-72 to a level of 51.4 million tonnes in 1989-90.

The Government have also been making efforts to increase the quantity and im-

prove the quality of meat production by better breeding, feeding and management practices. Two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz; (i) improvement of the existing abattoiss/meat plants and (ii) investment in slaughter house corporations are being implemented to provide hygienic and wholesome meat.

(b) According to the recommendations of the Nutrition Advisory Committee of the Indian Council of Medical Research, the per capita requirement of milk is 220 grams per day. Thus the estimated milk requirement is 67 million tonnes in 1990-91.

(c) The future plans to enhance milk production to achieve the target production of 63 million tonnes of milk in 1994-95 are:—

(i) National Bull Production Programme for the supply of quality bulls for artificial insemination and natural service;

(ii) Operation Flood-III being implemented by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB);

(iii) Cross-breeding programme both within and outside Operation Flood areas;

(iv) Establishment of Central and State cattle breeding farms for producing and distributing superior bulls;

(v) Extension of frozen semen technology on a large scale;

(vi) Intensive cattle development projects and key village scheme within milk-shed areas;

(vii) Special livestock breeding programme for rearing-cross-bred heifers by small and marginal farmers and agricultural labourers; and

(viii) Technology transfer on all aspects of production of fodder through the Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration.

**Purchases by F.C.I.**

1278. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of Rice, Wheat, Sorghum, pulses and oil seeds purchased by Food Corporation of India in year 1990-91;

(b) what would be the quantum of indigenous consumption and quantity likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) During 1990-91, the Food Corporation of India (FCI) undertook price support operations in respect of wheat, paddy and coarse grains in collaboration with State Governments and their procuring agencies. In addition, rice was also procured from rice millers/traders under a system of statutory levy imposed by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The total quantities of wheat, rice (including paddy in terms of rice) and coarse grains procured are as follows:—

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

| Wheat | Rice | Coarse grains |
|---|---|---|
| (Till 28-2-91) | (Till 5-3-91) | (Till 5-3-1991) |
| 110 74 | 105·81 | 0·05 |